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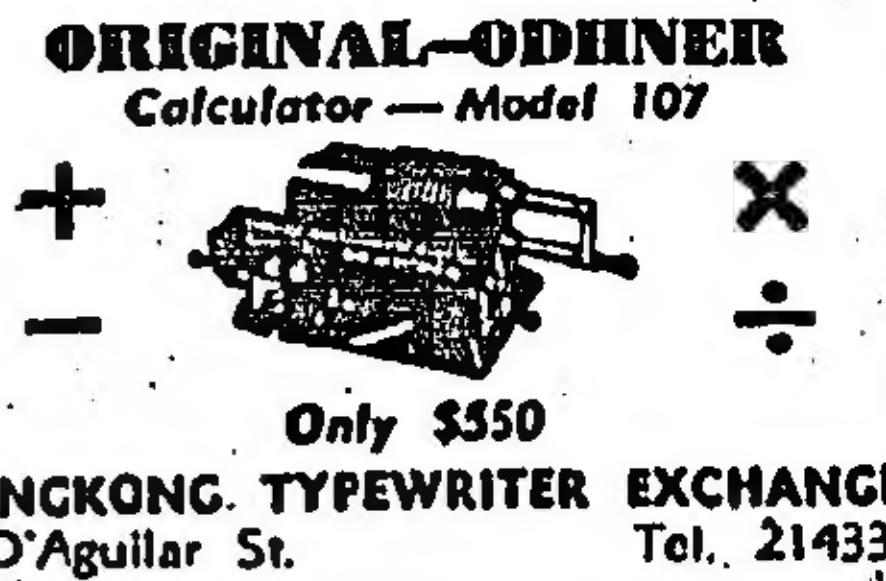
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The Budget

WHILE the general public can congratulate themselves on the fact they have no additional taxation burdens to meet in the coming financial year, the Financial Secretary earns the congratulations of the community for one of the most realistic budgets ever presented. It is observed with satisfaction that he estimates no token surplus which, in previous years, has been grossly misleading as to the Colony's capacity to earn revenue. This time there has been some hard-headed, realistic estimating. The Financial Secretary is fully entitled to anticipate a total intake of \$348,642,700 for 1953-54; only drastic changes in the Far East and world situation for the worse could have any serious effect on the Colony's earning capacity. And his estimated expenditure of \$327,712,333 clearly takes into consideration all possible contingencies and it may be taken for granted that the estimate will not be exceeded. The outlook generally is quite encouraging, with the Colony's financial solvency more firmly established than ever.

A PART from the catalogue of impressive figures which the Financial Secretary presented in his Budget speech, he also made a number of extremely interesting, and at times challenging statements. There will be general approval of his viewpoint that Government departments should make themselves as efficient as possible by the elimination of Red Tape, before demanding staff increases which add so rapidly to administrative costs. He very correctly emphasises that the more clerical employees engaged, the greater the demand for additional offices and equipment which involve further overheads. When, as in the case of providing two additional members to the Rating and Valuation Department establishment, Government is assured of another million dollars a year in revenue, the fulness of justification exists for bringing the department up to the strength required; and the same holds good when it can be shown that by a comparatively small capital expenditure, Government can in due course make considerable savings.

THE most controversial and challenging points raised by the Financial Secretary yesterday related to the expansion of educational and medical facilities. Both programmes are expensive in that they involve heavy capital outlay and considerable recurrent expenditure in the way of staffing, equipment and maintenance. Public demand for the development of educational facilities and medical services has, up to the present, been insistent, and credit can be given Government for trying to meet those demands from available revenue. Nevertheless, the Financial Secretary's warning must be heeded: that if all the projects for more schools, more hospitals and more clinics are to be carried out, increased taxation is inevitable. The prospect of additional direct taxation being levied is unpleasant, more particularly as it hits but a small proportion of the population. The Financial Secretary's point that "it almost appears as if we are introducing a form of national health service without imposing on the participants the obligation of paying their weekly or monthly contributions to it" will not go by unappreciated. The Unofficials have good reason to accept the Financial Secretary's invitation to give serious thought to the dilemma.

MOLTOV AND MALENKOVA TAKE OVER Reported To Be Sharing The Top Duties

London, Mar. 4.

Viacheslav Molotov has assumed the functions of acting Premier of the Soviet Union and Georgei Malenkov has taken over the control of the Russian Communist Party as a result of Premier Josef Stalin's critical illness, according to information reaching here tonight.

Molotov, Russia's senior Minister, was said to have stepped into Stalin's governmental shoes temporarily in accordance with provisions applying to vacancies in the Premier's post in the interim before the Government is reorganised.

Malenkov, as the First Secretary of the Party's Central Committee, will manage the Party's Secretariat and the Party itself, according to this information.

The question of permanent succession to the stricken Marshal would be decided at a special meeting of the Central Committee which would be called if Stalin failed to improve or to die.

Molotov and Malenkov are also top candidates for permanent succession.

Experts were generally agreed that Stalin's replacement would increase chances for continued world peace and lessen the likelihood of the outbreak of another war at least for the present. This opinion was supported by the belief that any permanent successor to the Premier would long have his hands full getting Russia's internal house in order and would have little time for a foreign adventure. There is still an outside chance, however, that the Soviet's new boss might have to resort to war to distract from the danger of collapse at home.

Stalin's death was not expected to cause any drastic change in Russia's foreign policy

No News For 21½ Hours

Moscow, Mar. 4. Up to 8 p.m. GMT Wednesday (4 a.m. HK Time Thursday) no new information has been issued on the condition of Stalin since the first bulletin. That information is now 21½ hours old and the people of the Soviet Union are waiting for the next medical bulletin. — Associated Press.

EISENHOWER'S MESSAGE

Washington, Mar. 4. In his statement expressing his sympathy for the Soviet people on account of the illness of Josef Stalin, President Dwight Eisenhower said, "At this moment in history, when the multitude of the Russians are anxiously concerned because of the illness of the Soviet ruler, the thoughts of America go out to all the people of the USSR, the men and women, the boys and girls in the villages, cities, farms and factories of their homeland."

They are the children of the same God, who is the father of all peoples everywhere. And like all the peoples of Russia, millions are longing for a friendly and peaceful world.

"Regardless of the identity of government personalities, the prayers of we Americans must be that the Almighty will watch over the people of that country and bring them in his wisdom the opportunity to live their lives in a world where all men, men and women and children dwell in peace and comradeship." — Reuter.

PRAYERS FOR STALIN

Moscow, Mar. 5. Believers of all faiths across the Soviet Union last night offered up prayers that God spare the life of Premier Joseph Stalin, half paralysed after a stroke.

In the central Moscow Cathedral, Patriarch Alexius of Moscow and All Russia led a congregation which almost filled the vast building in prayer for Marshal Stalin's full recovery.

"All Russian people — all people everywhere — pray to God for the health of the sick," the Patriarch said, his suppliant voice echoing through the great cathedral.

Cries of "Amen" went up from the worshippers as the Patriarch praised Marshal Stalin for what he had done to further the Church welfare.

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MOLTOV



MALENKOVA

Refugees Pour Into W. Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 4. Three thousand bedraggled East Germans crossed the Russian frontier during a steady rain today and asked for asylum in West Berlin.

The jammed refugee headquarters laboured incessantly to handle the new arrivals, and has now processed more than 12,000 who burst out of the East since the first of the month.

Meanwhile in the capital at Bonn, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer urged the East Germans to avoid a feeling of panic and to stand firm rather than rush Westward except in exceptional cases where a person's life and liberty would be at stake.

The Chancellor has asked the Allies to provide military planes for an adequate airlift of the refugees from Berlin to West Germany. His Cabinet will meet the Presidents of the 11 West German states tomorrow to review the co-operative effort in behalf of the refugees.

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The Russian Crisis

Tito May Postpone Visit To London

London, Mar. 4.

Marshal Tito's visit to London, arranged for March 23, may have to be postponed because his Government feels a crisis will develop swiftly inside Russia as a result of Stalin's illness, cables R. M. MacColl from Belgrade.

Many Yugoslav high officials are convinced that Stalin is already dead and that the communiques so far broadcast from Moscow are only a preliminary attempt to prepare the Russian people for the full, calamitous news with as little disturbance as possible.

The news was received in the Yugoslavian capital with barely-concealed glee, though trouble on the borders of Yugoslavia is thought possible.

Albania, cut off from all direct contact with Russia ever since Tito broke with the Kremlin in 1948, has lately been showing signs of growing dissatisfaction.

A flare-up in Albania, perhaps civil war, could lead to a tense Balkan situation with the other Russian satellite nations anxious to come to the aid of Moscow, the pro-Russian boss of Albania.

For this and other reasons Tito is tonight weighing the possibility of putting off his British visit. High Government and diplomatic officials in Belgrade are sure a period of considerable suspense must now follow.

The balance of power in south-east Europe could change quickly and it might be well for Tito to stay close to his capital.

UNCERTAIN FACTOR

One of the highly uncertain factors in the Russian situation is thought in Belgrade to be the Red Army. It is felt that whatever the outcome of the struggle for power on the part of members of the Politburo they will probably acquiesce without an open break.

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The Magistrate court here to-day during the Mau Mau trial by protesting that one of the prosecution's witnesses, who had given evidence against Jomo Kenyatta, was a lunatic.

He was sharply rebuked by Magistrate Ramsay Thacker who pointed out that he had no right to make such a suggestion on his closing address to the court-room.

The Magistrate told him: "You really must not produce these 13th hour performances."

Mr Somerhough, running his hands through his hair, said to the Indian lawyer: "You can't say this thing."

The Magistrate agreed. "You must not say it," he said, "you really must not. You can't raise a matter like this after the evidence has been closed. It must be raised at another place."

INTERRUPTIONS

Mr Somerhough, who has now been here for seven hours and is not expected to finish his closing address until Friday, had complained at least three times earlier in the day about interruptions by Mr Chamanlal.

The Indian lawyer has been leading the defence since Mr D. N. Pritt, QC, left the court yesterday on his way back to England, after winding up his case.

Mr Somerhough said the Crown maintained that Kenyatta and the other accused had "finished" themselves in this case.

Kenyatta, who had been extraordinarily evasive in the witness box, had chosen to paint a picture of himself as a saint-like figure who abhorred violence and who thought everybody could lie down together like lion and lamb and be like brothers and sisters and would never do anything except by constitutional means. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Mrs Sanders Still Pleading

London, Mar. 4.

Mrs Sanders, wife of the British businessman, Edgar Sanders, now imprisoned in Hungary, went to the Foreign Office today to plead for acceptance of a Hungarian offer to exchange her husband for a Malayan girl.

Mrs Sanders told reporters that an official said there was little the Foreign Office could do for her husband at present, but she had not forgotten about him. — Reuter.

Curfew In Lahore

Lahore, Mar. 5. Curfew was imposed on Lahore city last night after a mob shot dead the Deputy Superintendent of Police.

The crowd was demonstrating against the Ahmadis sect of Moslems.

Blacks grabbed the officer's pistol and shot him dead. Three constables were seriously injured.

One person was killed on Tuesday and several injured when police opened fire on a crowd demonstrating against the sect.

The Ahmadis sect, formed 50 years ago to interpret the Koran in the light of modern times, is considered heretical by many Orthodox Moslems. — Reuter.

Students Attack Police

Athens, Mar. 4.

Three thousand Communists-led University of Athens students fought a two hour battle with police on Wednesday in demonstrating for the independence of Cyprus.

Twenty persons including some policemen were injured. Several students were arrested.

Reinforced police squads broke up an attempt by the students to march from the campus along Venizelos Boulevard, Athens' main street, to the British Embassy. The students were supporting demands by Greek residents of Cyprus that it be united with Greece.

The students pelted the police with stones and bricks and attacked them with sticks. The police fought back with clubs.

A fire engine attempting to play a hose on the students quickly withdrew after the demonstrations damaged its equipment.

Traffic was tied up during the running battle.

Greek Orthodox Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus rushed to the campus and finally persuaded them to disperse.

Police Chief Nicholas Tsoukios said Communist elements mingled with the demonstrators and were mainly responsible for the disorder and damage. — Associated Press.

4. American divisions in Korea were under strength and short of junior leaders and the skills it takes for combat.

5. The South Koreans, including women, were ready and willing to fight for their freedom. The North Koreans would join the South Koreans against the Communists except for the fact that "they have a gun at their backs." — Reuter.

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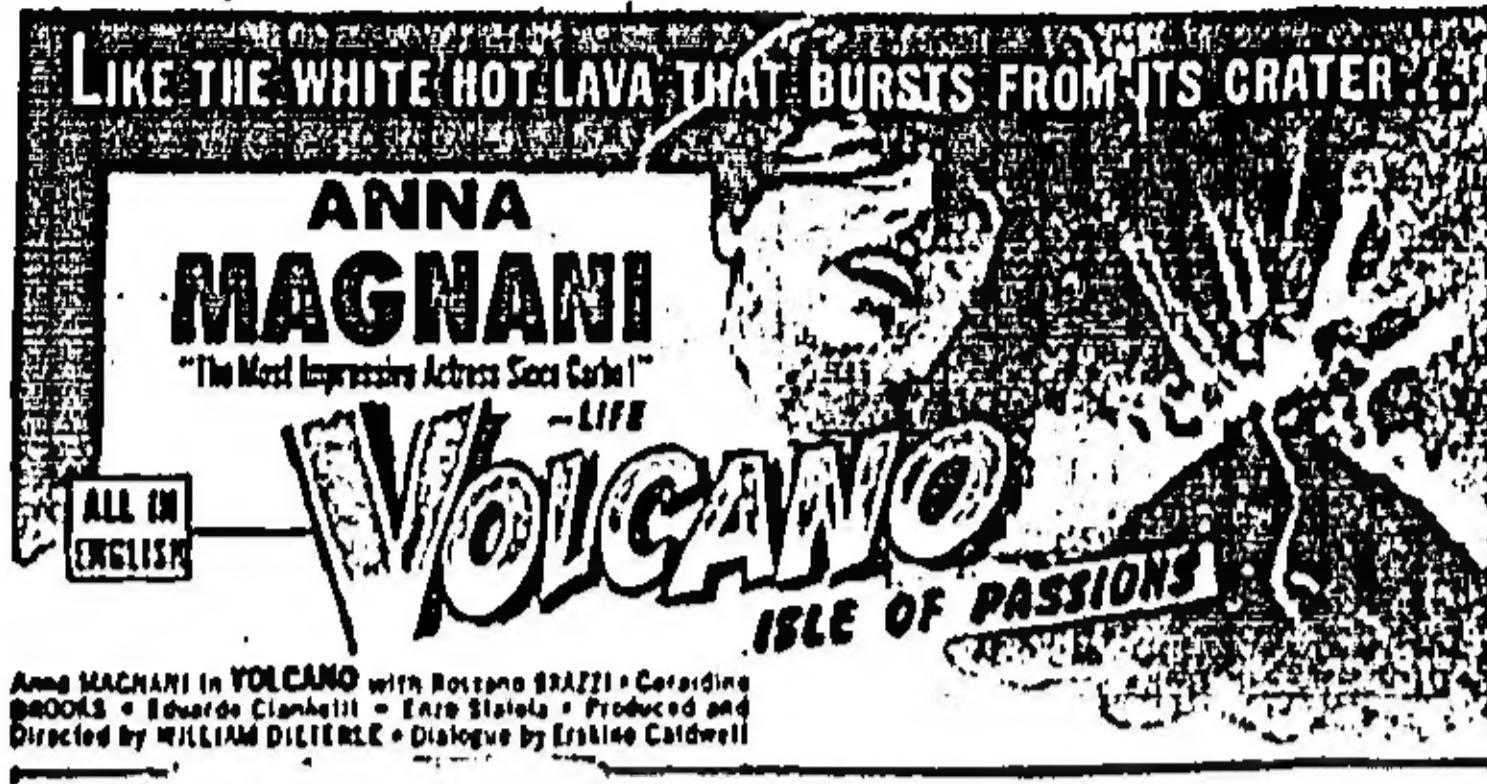
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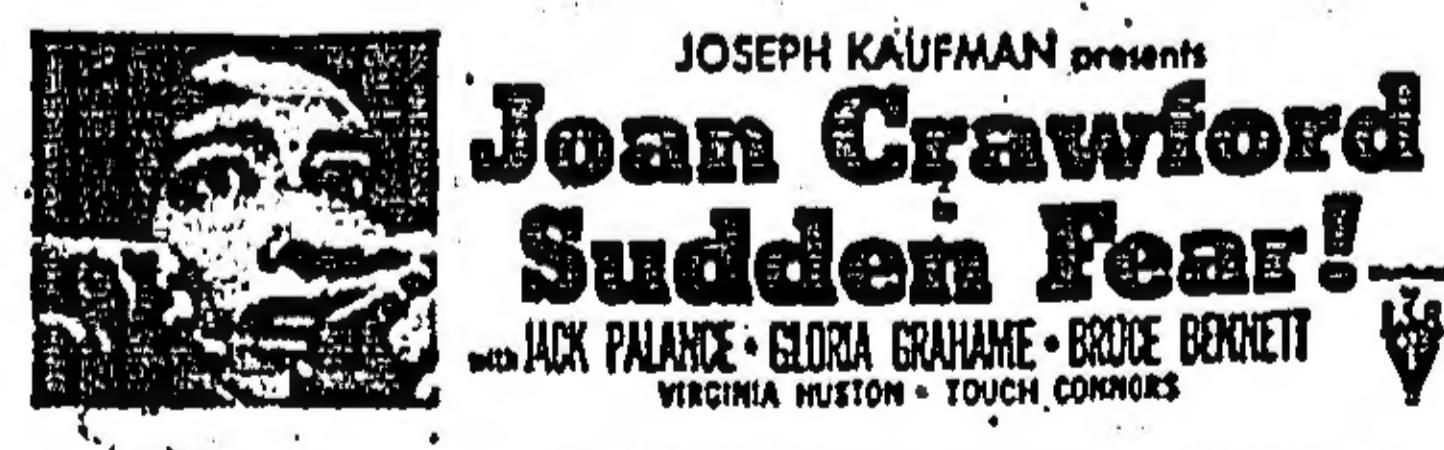


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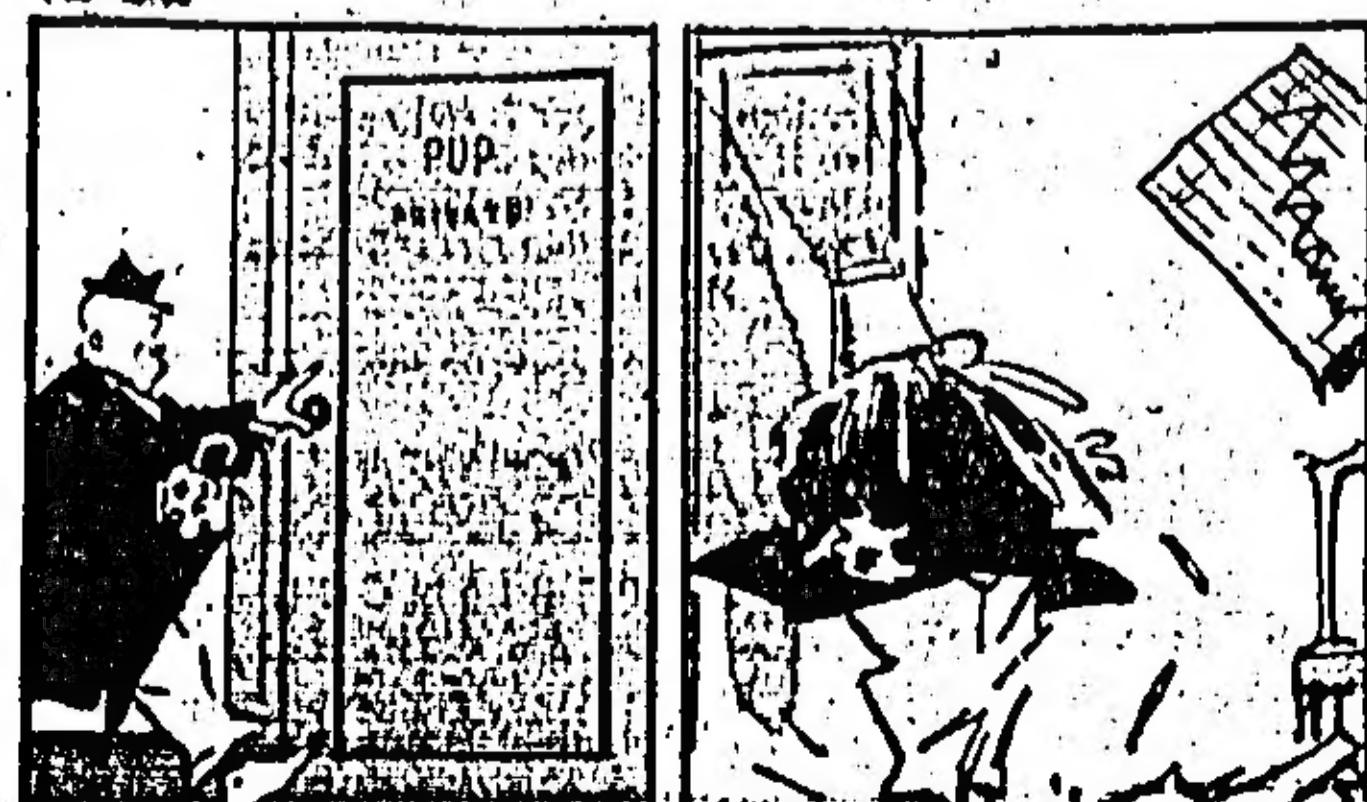


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Meteor Fighters Doing Good Job In Korea

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Korea, Mar. 4. Commonwealth pilots flying the much-criticised British-built Meteor jet in Korea say that they are now quite willing to "take care of" any Communist MiGs which attack them.

The Meteors ran into a storm of criticism in Britain and Australia after they were badly mauled by Russian-built MiG 15's at the end of 1951.

Pilots of Australia's 77th Fighter Interceptor Squadron ("The Double Seven") say now that when the Meteors replaced their Mustangs in August 1951, they were an unknown quantity. Almost as soon as the Australians had been converted to the twin-jets they were sent straight up to the Yalu River.

"We were spoiling for a fight," one pilot said.

At first the Communist MiGs were wary of the Meteors. Then, in a disastrous day for the Squadron, the Communists shot down three of their brand-new Meteors.

The immediate reaction was to go from one extreme to the other—from over-estimating the capabilities of the Meteor to underestimating them. Now, after more than 18 months of operational service over the world's toughest testing ground, the Australian and British pilots of the Double Seven have developed a great respect for the slender, stubby-winged Meteor.

The pilots say that when the Meteor first met the MiG 15 made the fatal mistake of trying to fight the swept-wing Communist plane on its own ground, rather, in its own air—the rarefied atmosphere of 30,000 feet and upwards.

TERRIFIC WALLOP

The Meteor has never met the MiG on anything like favourable terms. Most of the battles were fought far above the Meteors' best operating altitude, and with the Australians outnumbered by as much as 10 to one. Even at those odds, the Meteor squadron destroyed three MiGs and damaged more before they were withdrawn from the "MiG Alley" area.

No one suggests today that the Meteor is still a first-line interceptor. But as an escort or close support plane, they agree that it "packs a terrific wallop".

The Commanding Officer of 77 Squadron, Wing Commander John Hubble, A.F.C., says that it is a "beautiful aeroplane to fly" and a first rate ground attack weapon.

Modern fighters all have their ideal operating altitudes, and the role to which they are assigned is largely dependent on this. Meteors, with an ideal ceiling of less than 20,000 feet, are being used in Korea for escorting light bombers against possible Communist fighter attacks, and for harassing enemy communications.

The Fifth Air Force says that MiGs have been seen operating comfortably at 55,000 feet.

BEST FOR THE JOB

If the MiGs want to attack the Meteors on their present job, the Communist jets will have to drop down well below their ideal altitude. Double Seven pilots are quite confident that with the Meteors' terrible power, and manoeuvrability they could more than take care of themselves.

These pilots say that the Meteor is the best plane in Korea for the job which it is now doing.

A single Meteor packs the destructive power of eight 6-inch artillery shells in its eight rockets. It also carries four 20-millimetre guns which are quite capable of destroying ordinary road traffic.

The ground attack missions now being flown by the Meteors are among the most dangerous jobs in Korea.

To fire their rockets accurately, the Meteor pilots must dive directly on their target, at the same time weaving from side to side to confuse ground fire. As soon as the rockets are away, the Meteor pulls steeply out of its dive to avoid, as one pilot put it, "ending up with the rockets". The operation requires split-second timing and iron nerves since most of the time the attacks are made in the face of intense ground fire.

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Fate Of Japanese Assets

Discussions Open In London

London, Mar. 4. The fate of Japanese assets abroad, estimated at more than £5,000,000, will be discussed by representatives of 13 countries who met here today.

These assets, mostly in Berlin, Switzerland, are at present "frozen" because the Allies in World War II — Britain, the United States, Russia, and China — have not released them.

Russia did not sign the San Francisco Peace Treaty with Japan on September 8, 1951 which came into effect on April 29, 1952, and under Article 16 of which Japan agreed to transfer Japanese assets in neutral or enemy countries, or their equivalent, to the International Committee of the Red Cross for liquidation and subsequent distribution of the resultant fund to appropriate national agencies.

Certain assets, described in Article 14 of the Treaty, and assets of Japanese not living in Japan when the Treaty came into force, are excepted from the transfer.

In addition, the transfer provision of Article 16 does not apply to the 19,770 shares in the Bank for International Settlements that were owned by Japanese financial institutions when the Treaty was signed.

FACT-FINDING

Officers of the International Red Cross will confer for two or three days, it is expected, with representatives of Britain, the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan, France, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

The discussions are being presided over by Mr John Pilcher, head of the Japan and Pacific Department of the British Foreign Office.

A British official spokesman said today that the talks are of a fact-finding nature and that their conclusions would be referred back to the Governments concerned.

Japan agreed at San Francisco that the assets should be used for the benefit of former prisoners of war and their families. —Reuter.

OVER-FISHING MENACE

London, Mar. 4. Twelve countries began talks here today on plans to prevent future over-fishing in Atlantic and Arctic waters.

The conference, first full meeting of the 1946 International Over-fishing Convention, will seek to set up a permanent commission to consider conservation measures.

Countries taking part are: Britain, Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Eire, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Sweden. —Reuter.

Renewal Of Red Attacks In Korea?

ALEXANDER'S REVIEW

London, Mar. 4. Field-Marshal Earl Alexander, the Defence Minister, predicted today that the Communists might quite possibly resume their powerful limited objective attacks in Korea soon after only small-scale fighting since the Autumn.

Field-Marshal Alexander, who once commanded the present Korean Commander, General Mark Clark, in Italy during World War II, was making one of his periodic reports on the Korean war in the House of Lords.

Low Marks Hurt Their Prospects

Tokyo, Mar. 4. The Kasugabe Girls' College in Saitama prefecture near Tokyo announced today it would stop giving marks on examination results to its graduates as from this Spring.

School authorities said the girls were mostly from local farmers' families, and low school marks would badly influence their chances of marriage. —Reuter.

BRITAIN BEATEN BY PRICE SLASH

London, Mar. 4. A machine made by a West of England firm was quoted for a contract at £21,000. A German firm's tender was £3,400 less.

The English company modified the machine and reduced the price to £18,000. An Italian concern asked £9,500 less and got the contract.

These examples of undercutting were given at Bristol by Mr A. W. Grant, an engineering company chief. The practice, he said, was causing much of Britain's export troubles.

"If we are to improve our position," he said, "we must increase our superiority over other nations in the use of energy and skill."

"There can be no dodging the fact that a great deal could be achieved by harder work both by workers and management."

Mr Grant gave this warning: "Unless the present trend in exports can be halted widespread unemployment within the next 12 months is certain."

NEW SWISS EXPEDITION IN NEPAL

Zurich, Mar. 4. A new Swiss Himalaya expedition is setting out this month on an attempt to conquer Mount Dhaulagiri in Nepal, the world's seventh-highest peak.

The expedition will be smaller and less ambitious than last year's two Swiss attempts to climb Mount Everest. But Dhaulagiri, with its 26,800 feet, is higher than any peak hitherto known to have been climbed by man.

The Zurich University Alpine Club, which is organising the Dhaulagiri climb, estimates the total costs, including equipment and transport, at only 73,000 francs. The six climbers will be led by Bernhard Latzeturk, who was head of a successful Swiss expedition to the Peruvian Andes in 1948. The group will also include Andre Roch, veteran of three earlier Himalaya expeditions and one of Switzerland's foremost snow and avalanche experts.

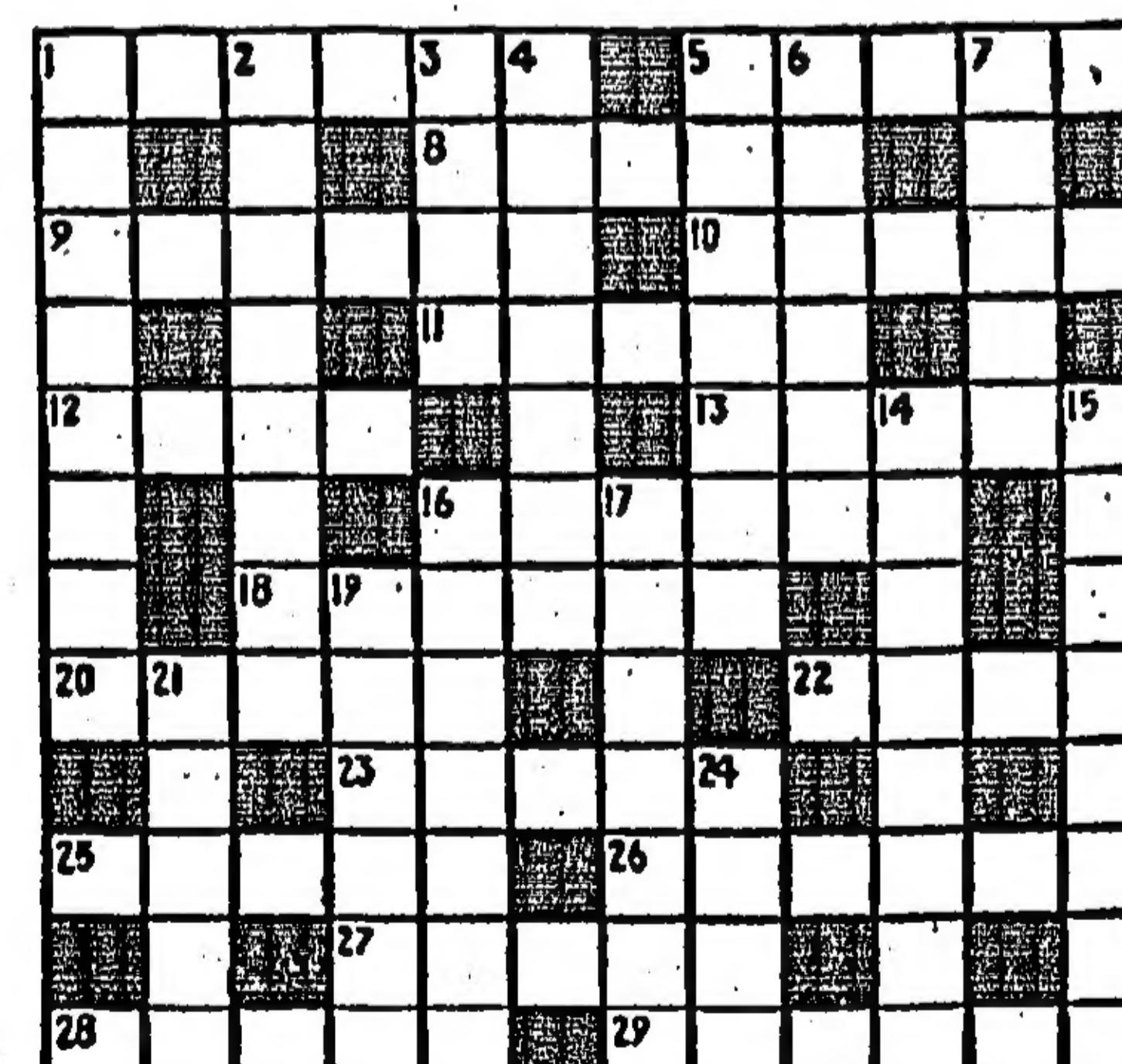
Dhaulagiri was the first target of the French Himalaya expedition which climbed 20,500-foot Anapurna in 1950. The French climbers attacked Anapurna after being defeated by the neighbouring Dhaulagiri and at present hold the world record for the highest conquered peak, Anapurna.

The Dhaulagiri-Anapurna massif is located in Central Nepal. Unlike most of the highest Himalayan peaks in Nepal, it does not form part of the border with Communist-controlled Tibet and can thus be approached from all sides by climbers from countries west of the Iron curtain.

The approach to the massif will take the Swiss expedition up the almost entirely unexplored Valley of the Sacred River Kali, overshadowed by 25,000-foot-high peaks on both sides.

The final assault on Dhaulagiri is due in mid-June. On their way towards the mountain, the climbers plan to undertake a detailed scientific study of the topography and plant and animal life of the Kali Valley. —Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Go back to (6).
- 5 Carrying-chair (5).
- 8 Equipped for battle (5).
- 9 Basque game (9).
- 10 Recess (6).
- 11 Small fish (6).
- 12 Tub (4).
- 13 Propos of health (5).
- 14 Haunt (4).
- 15 Bullion (6).
- 16 Flusters (7).
- 17 Vendors (7).
- 18 Drug (4).
- 19 Quiet (6).
- 20 Purloin (6).
- 21 Deserved (6).
- 22 Periods (6).
- 23 Board game (5).
- 24 Person with endurance (6).

DOWN

- 1 No monarchy (8).
- 2 Flight (8).
- 3 Rodents (4).
- 4 Snared (7).
- 5 Legislator (7).
- 6 Press VIP (6).
- 7 Is mindful (5).
- 8 Lawyer (6).
- 9 Bullion (6).
- 10 Flusters (7).
- 11 Vendors (7).
- 12 Attempts (6).
- 13 Temporary stoppage (5).
- 14 Final (4).
- 15 Bullion (6).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Lamb, 7 Waver, 8 Iron, 9 Land, 10 Ferused, 12 Scorn, 16 Seven, 18 Baby, 19 Orate, 21 Arise, 22 Stem, 23 Riles, 20 Nose, 29 Deduces, 30 Brew, 31 Club, 32 Decoy, 33 Sash, Down: 1 Citer, 2 Refutes, 4 Abode, 5 Bird, 6 Corn, 7 Levy, 11 Sover, 13 Cram, 14 Need, 16 Noted, 17 Inch, 18 Bias, 20 Resumed, 22 Slow, 24 Ideas, 25 Tenor, 27 Oils, 28 Ebba.

Ancient Order Conferred



PATTERN OF TRADE IN FAR EAST TO BE CHANGED?

Manila, Mar. 4. The conference sponsored by the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) closed here today with a forecast of a change in the "old pattern" of trade between this region and the West.

The forecast was made by Mr Cornelio Balmaceda, Philippines Commerce Minister and Chairman of the conference, who said the change was "inevitable."

Delegates from 36 countries, including Britain, Russia and the United States, wound up the 10-day session by approving the recommendations of increasing trade.

Mr Balmaceda said it was up to each country or government to follow up and implement the suggestions made at the conference.

The elimination of the root causes of poverty, social unrest and economic security must be regarded as the prime need of the "poore" part of the world's population, he said.

Mr Balmaceda said in his closing address that observations that he had made at the conference included:

1. A domination note of confidence and optimism in reports from many countries on the General economic situation.

2. The income levels of producers must be improved and stabilised.

STUMBLING BLOCK

3. The flow of equipment and capital goods into the under-developed countries was increasing, despite the overriding needs of defence.

4. One great stumbling block to the free flow of world trade was the extensive use of "inconvertible" currencies and general shortage of "convertible" currencies.

5. Co-operation and a constant exchange of business information among nations was the most effective base for foreign trade promotion.

Mr Balmaceda denied that nothing concrete or practical had been accomplished at the conference. Rumours to this effect stemmed from a mis-conception of ECAFE.

It was not the task of the organisation to execute the measures agreed on. It was a responsibility. —Reuter.

Queen Mary Better

London, Mar. 4. Alling Queen Mary spent a more comfortable day and tonight her condition showed a slight improvement.

The 85-year-old grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II is suffering from a recurrence of gastric trouble. She has been ill for more than a week. Marlborough House, her residence, said Queen Mary was visited this evening by her physician, Sir Horace Evans.—Associated Press.

Britain's Cotton Men Are Puzzled

London, Mar. 4. Five hundred cotton chiefs, departmental heads, and trade union officials are divided on the question of the double-shift system for industry.

They have been in session for three days at St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire.

Sir Raymond Street, chairman of the Cotton Board, who wound up the conference, called specially to discuss the double-shift problem, said that although the system would not solve all the industry's problems, it would be a step in the right direction. Mr W. T. Winterbottom, president of the Yarn Spinners' Association, said that double-shift working was inevitable, but some of the delegates objected that it would affect the social lives of operatives.

When one delegate suggested that school hours in Lancashire should be changed to make the two-shift system work, another delegate said he did not think it was too far-fetched and went so far as to say that schoolteachers should work two shifts to ease the shortage of staff and justify their long holidays.

Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour, attended the discussions.

Tokyo Gripped By Measles Epidemic

Tokyo, Mar. 4. Public health officials said today that a measles epidemic is sweeping the city.

They said 1,380 persons are ill with the disease, with 60 deaths recorded so far.

Health authorities expect the number of persons affected by the disease to reach 900,000 before the epidemic subsides. —Reuter.

Rangoon, Mar. 4. Chinese Troops In Burma Give U.S. A Problem

The presence of Chinese Nationalist forces in Burma is providing the United States with a new diplomatic headache.

The activities of these Nationalist troops are also creating tension between Burma and Thailand.

U.S. and Burmese officials have estimated the Nationalists have about 5,000 and 10,000. The original Nationalists in Burma were those chased out of China by the Communists.

For a long time these Nationalist troops, or KMTs, as they are called in Burma, were satisfied with little and did not cause much trouble. They lived off the rich countryside. Everybody more or less agreed that they were "refugees."

The Burmese now claim that these Nationalists are controlled from Taipei and have a specific mission — eventual return to China. The Burmese claim that the KMTs are being reinforced and supplied from Formosa.

These reinforced and re-supplied KMTs are causing increasing trouble in Burma, according to Burmese officials. They suggest privately that the United States is supporting the KMTs and encouraging their activities.

The activities of the KMTs supposedly include smuggling wolfram out of Burma into Thailand. Burma has accused Thailand of selling supplies to the KMTs and with permitting fresh troops and equipment to cross Thailand en route from Formosa to Burma. —United Press.

U.S. DENIAL United States officials deny any connection with the KMTs. Thailand denies supplying the KMTs and says that no KMT reinforcements have been permitted to cross Thailand.

Much of Burma's concern about the KMTs comes from the fear that Communist Chinese forces may cross over into Burma after the former Nationalist troops. Burma is worried about Communist China's intentions and does not want to stir up trouble.

Burmese army officials told the United Press that in recent weeks there had been evidence that the KMTs had sometimes joined forces with local insurgent groups. The Burmese

Britain Lines Up With Soviet

Geneva, Mar. 4. A Czechoslovak, backed by Russia and Britain but opposed by the United States and Yugoslavia, was today elected Chairman of the United Nations Economic Commission for 1953.

The American and Yugoslav delegations protested that the election of M. Joseph Ulrich, chief delegate of Czechoslovakia and former Ambassador to Britain, would not further the Commission's work.

M. Ulrich, who was finally declared Chairman without a vote, was nominated by the Soviet delegation and seconded by the Marquess of Reading for Britain.

M. Amazoff Arutunian, the Soviet delegate, told the Commission that the Soviet favoured co-operation in trade between East and West in spite of the difference in political structure. —Reuter.

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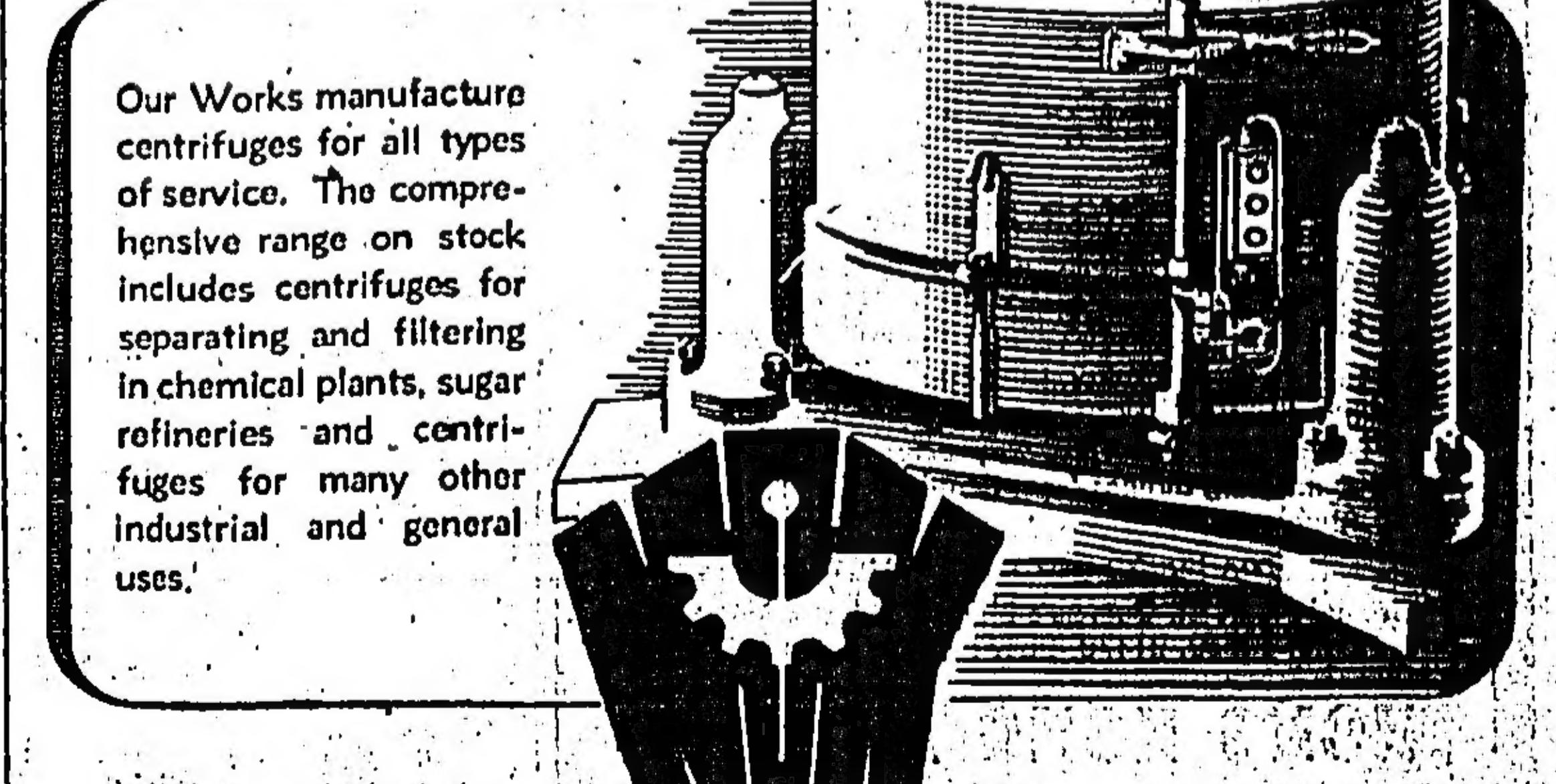
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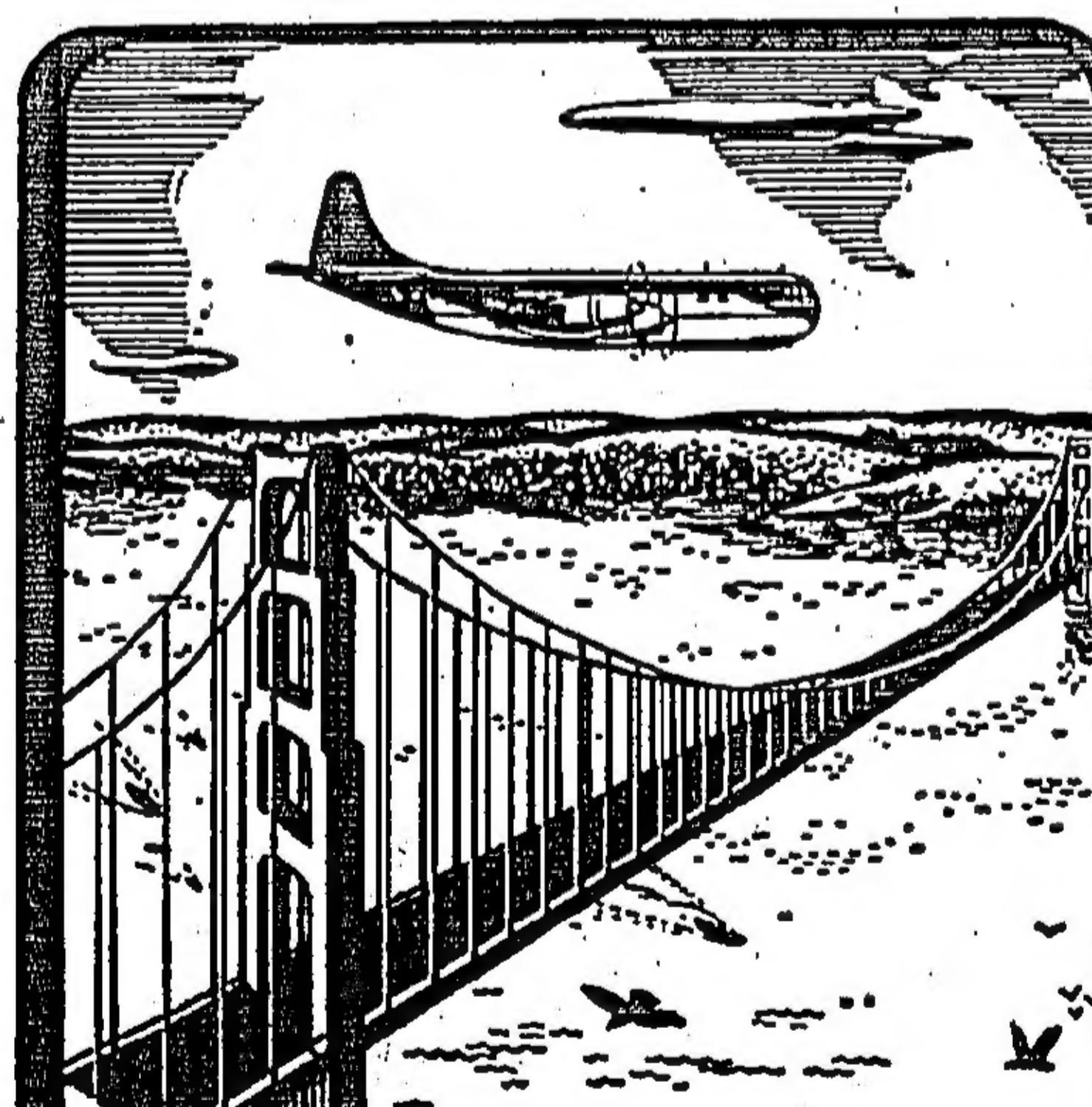
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The sun shone on the British for a minute or two recently.

London Express Service

Russia Preaches Peace But Expands War Bases

By Patrick Maitland, MP

London.—MOSCOW has already matched President Eisenhower's decision to appoint a director of psychological warfare. Indeed the Soviet Government, which directed the press and radio to stop calling Mr Churchill a warmonger the day he returned to office, has done little else than attack the Eisenhower Administration since the day of the Presidential Election.

broadcasts which are intended for foreign consumption are being warned not of an imminent aggressive war by the United States, but of the outbreak of peace and conciliation. This, of course, is a well-wrapped parcel.

The story destined for foreigners runs this way: The power of the USSR, together with that of the "democratic camp," to say nothing of the supporting Army leaders to gather influence at present held by the Secret Police. But alongside the purge, with its elaborate evolution depends for its raw fresh argument and new materials, all combine to charges, there goes a noticeable intensification of terror propaganda to intimidate the Soviet people.

One respected commentator on Radio Moscow, M. Inozomtsev, has recently been brought to the microphone specifically to designate the United States as the centre of the world's counter-revolutionary preparations. Other speakers—all of them censored—have been accusing the United States Government of deliberately conditioning their people for an aggressive war.

PROPAGANDA

ONE radio commentator who is particularly respected among Russian listeners, M. Shrygin, has been picking out examples of what he calls official Government propaganda in the United States promising the American people that, of course, they themselves will be spared heavy losses "next time."

On the other hand broadcast propaganda, destined not for Russian listeners but for foreign countries, has been working to a contrary directive. Expert analysis shows that foreign listeners to those of Moscow Radio's

PROGRAMME

INDEED, says Moscow, the American people themselves, to say nothing of anti-American feelings in Western Europe, will all combine to enforce the popular wish for peace.

The facts, viewed objectively, are quite different. A programme for expanding air bases in Russia and East Europe, comparable with the "infrastructure" system of NATO, is all but realised. Latest intelligence reports in London, taken together, suggest that whole system of air bases in Northern Siberia, the Arctic Islands north of Russia, and in Sakhalin in the Pacific, has now been finished.

These are designed primarily to match, if not to beat, the power located at Canadian and United States bases on Canadian and Greenland territory. Soviet bombers are now stationed on the sub-Arctic Isle of Nova Zembla, and at least two squadrons have been identified there. Canadian and American aircraft, patrolling the polar regions, have sighted Soviet planes on patrol too.

Norwegian reports reaching London have put the number of airfields in the Murmansk area at 50—a substantial increase. Five of these are within

CHARLES FOLEY FINDS A BIT OF ENGLAND IN FORMOSA

MR LARKY AND MR X KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Taipei, Formosa. I FOUND an English garden in the heart of Formosa. And there, streaming in the Pacific breeze, was a big Union Jack. This is the garden of the British Consul on Chiang Kai-shek's island. A silver tea-set gleamed in his drawing room.

And the Consul, Mr Jacobs-Larkcom, was eating lettuce sandwiches.

The odd thing about it is that Mr Jacobs-Larkcom has no official contact with Chiang's Government. So what is he doing on Formosa?

Well, Formosa is a province of China. Everybody agrees about that. The fact that the provincial governor, Mr K. C. Wu, is a Nationalist whose Government Britain does not recognise has not worried Mr Jacobs-Larkcom at all.

And, of course, the fact that Mr Wu plays a double role as Chiang's Cabinet adviser is outside Mr Jacobs-Larkcom's official knowledge.

This elaborate pretence is regarded as natural in Formosa.

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★ Chicago No Longer Hates The British

Chicago, Tuesday. The wind off Lake Michigan was bleak and bitter when I arrived in Chicago, but the hospitality was warm.

Every time I get a chance I visit this city. It is a husky giant of a town, surging with energy and life, a rampaging, roistering place of big muscles, big money, big business, and big achievement. It is more representative of America than any other city in its cockiness and vigour. Its high power and high pressure.

Chicago has the reputation of being rather critical of the British and has been called the citadel of Isolationism, but the anti-British and Isolationist days are now as dead as Big Bill Thompson.

As young Mr Byfield said:

"You could hardly come across more pro-British feeling than this."

I said: "Of course, you still have Colonel McCormick and his Chicago Tribune."

New links are being forged between the old English watering place and the glittering ultra-modern American drinking place. I had never stayed in this part of Chicago before and was hardly prepared for a Beau Nash Room, the Sand Sidons Walk, the Buttery, and the Parade.

Mr Berry is going to be treated like a visiting potentate, which is good business for Britain and particularly for Bush.

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The city's finances, like those of New York, are in a bad way due to incompetence, and the reform movement never seems to get moving.

I told people I wouldn't write much about crime and gangsters, because Chicagoans are tired of having their city described as a hangout for hoodlums, but the gangs are still here. They have neither power nor the blood-thirstiness of the old Al Capone mob, but they still wield large influence and they still carry guns.

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Still at it

THE surprising and chilling fact is that Anheuser-Busch did not bring the complaint to the authorities or police—the company said it would handle the matter on its own.

The matter has been handled. Budweiser Beer is being sold again.

I said to a local reporter: "Does this sort of terrorism happen often?" And he said: "Too often."

The thugs are still in business in Chicago and, from what I hear, likely to remain so for a long time.

But my local reporter says: "It's all a question of emphasis. For every crook there are a thousand, maybe ten thousand, honest men. Why don't you write about our museums and music and cultural centres? The gangs are our business, which raises the hackles of Chicagoans."

"We are down-to-earth people here—can't abide fuss and fancy dress," said my wailer, and then, surprisingly, quoted Carl Sandburg's description of Chicago: "The stormy, husky, brawling city of the big shoulders."

I will not quarrel with the description, although I think there is too much emphasis sometimes on the roughness and the toughness.

This is a beautiful city and I know of few more breathtaking sights than the view from the lake shore and outer drives around five on a winter evening.

But I am not here to croon lullabies—I came to Chicago, the Colossus of America's heartland, to see how the city and its people were feeling about the new Eisenhower Administration.

They are feeling fine. Over and over I've been told: "Eisenhower is going to make a great President. He's started right and he will run things right. He'll clean up the mess in Washington."

Chicagoans are very much aware of the mess in Washington, because they have quite a mess in Chicago itself—a mess which defies cleaning.

Tariffs, taxes

MR HENRY FORD'S speech calling for the cancellation of all tariffs, including the ten per cent on the import of foreign cars, is still echoing through the canyons of Chicago. The liberal Chicago Sun and Times, run by Britain's good friends the Marshall Fields, is crusading for bigger and better trade and maybe some aid as well.

There is enthusiasm for tearing the tariffs down. There is also enthusiasm for tearing the taxes down. I have heard more here about the need for cutting income-tax than in New York City.

George Yeh is an old friend of England, did he not present the panda Ming to the London Zoo?

Meanwhile, the war goes on. Not the war the world has been keyed up to expect, but the war of island-hopping by Chiang's men, who have quite a screen of stepping-stones right up against the mainland.

Showpiece

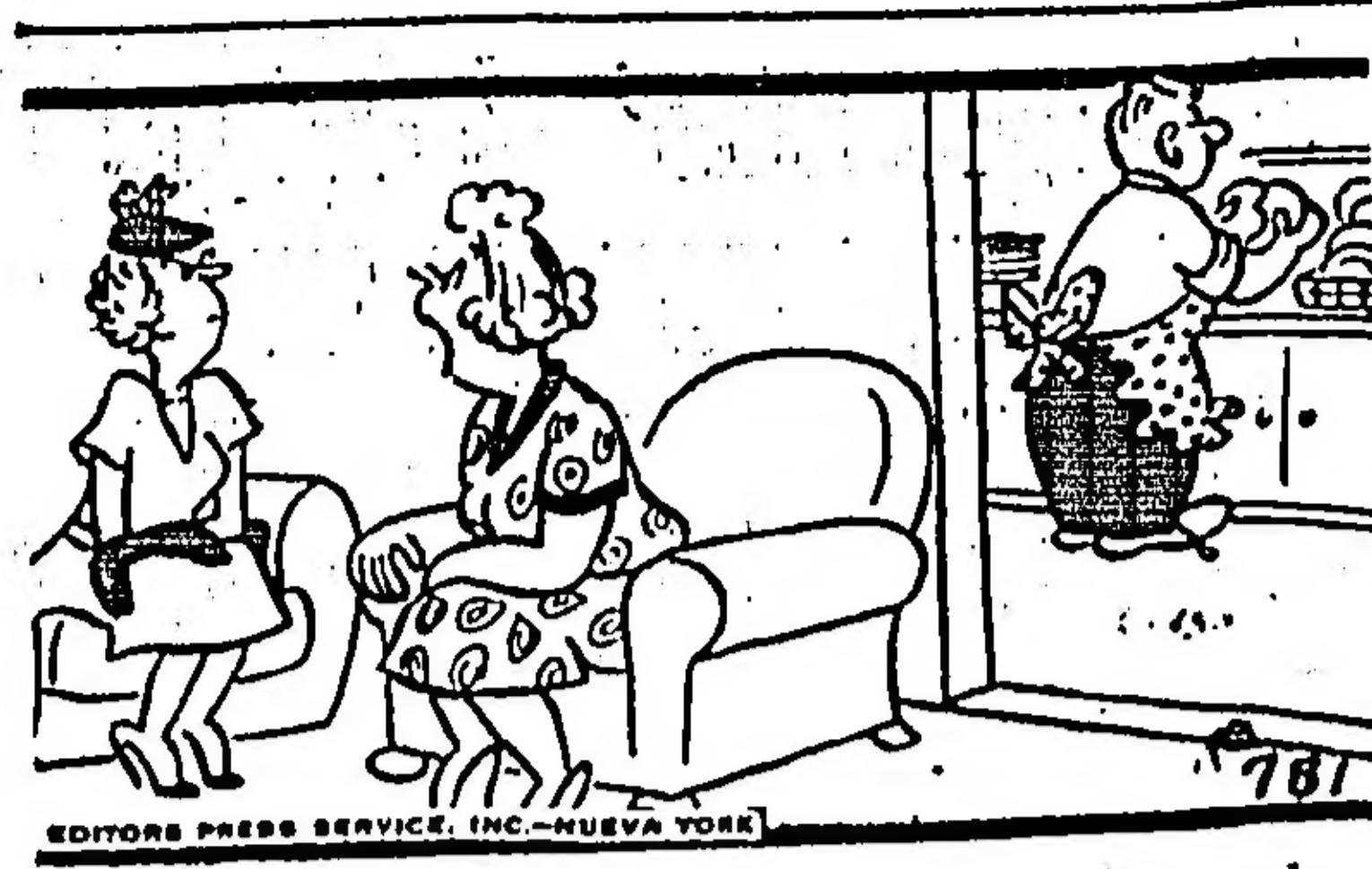
The showpiece among these is the Island of Quemoy, which challenges the whole might of Red China from a couple of miles away.

"It is a small, bare patch of stony land shaped like a dumb-bell," according to Mrs Carl Rankin.

She is the "spiritual wife" of the American Ambassador designate and she has visited the Island with a group of Chinese ladies taking cheer to the troops.

Over luncheon Mrs Rankin told me: "I expected to find men living in tents on poles in the ground. Not a bit of it. They have built comfortable barracks and a big hall in which they entertain us."

Some of the Chinese ladies returned with English embroidery workers they had bought. "Plunder" of the pirates, Mr Eddy!



• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

THIS Institute of Contemporary Art speaks in an unusually candid fashion about one of the exhibits at its latest exhibition of paintings. "His usual method of painting is to spread his canvas on the floor, and then walk over it, spilling and dribbling paint."

I find that a relief from the usual pretense. It also shows that it is no longer necessary to pretend to the public that there is any connection between the artist and his work. This artist about whom the organizers of the exhibition are so frank is reported as saying: "I have no idea what I am doing." He means, his pictures, he says, "titles might be misleading." In my wildest parades I have never come near this.

The triumph of Suet (XIII)

STOGS CAJ had signed the agreement. While the two men held hands they stood looking out in the dark at the tall windows of the Ministry. Stogcaj looked at Suet with interest. "Did you have much difficulty getting this?" he asked. "Yes," said Suet. "A lady friend showed me the way. But there was a bit of a rumpus in two streets before football started." "I suppose?" "Not until afternoon, I suppose?"

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"That's not the baker. That's my partner. They were going to sue us if we didn't resign. Shoot anyone you see with her." Suet went back to the office. Gazing through groups of thugs so intent on murdering each other that they took no notice of him, Suet had just time to collect his bag and coat and the piano for England. He opened his

Overcrowding in Harley St.

"How do you expect me to examine my patients with your tea-party all over the place?" he said. "And how do you expect me to get along with your patients all over the place? Get that lady off my counter."

"There's nowhere else for her to lie down. My furniture is cluttered up with soap and shaving-sets, and a man being shaved in my chair."

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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

BORN today, you are one of those merry, happy-go-lucky souls who seems to care little for anything serious or difficult. You have the stars have been kind to you, and the stars are able to make a living without even half trying. You will do only trouble by being a comfortable home. A complacent mediocrity is apt to be yours unless you really get up ambition and energy enough to work hard at the good times.

You have a great deal of self-confidence and will probably make a good executive. You are a natural leader and seem to know how to get others to do the tedious work while you take most of the credit. You have a great many energies and may show a desire of being very busy even if you are really doing little or nothing that gets you anywhere!

You have a talent for influencing people; know how to speak well

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Plan to spend the evening with congenial friends whose objectives and interests are similar to your own.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Love and romance are well-favoured right now. You may select a suitable partner, perhaps.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Don't be misled by misrepresentations; pay no heed to idle gossip. Make your own decisions, soundly on facts.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't hyde away too much. Just now Go out and get busy. Develop an idea and you can get real results.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—If someone has done a good job, a few words of praise may not be amiss. Increase your popularity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Emotional upssets are in the air. Do your utmost to avoid getting involved in a tempest in a teapot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Business and social affairs are very definitely favoured. Bring happiness to the one you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—If you are facing a serious problem, seek specialised advice which can help you solve it more easily.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Clear up matters which have been accumulating lately. They can be a nuisance, if you don't.

DUMB-BELLS



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Opening Lead Ideas Opens Some Talk

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Opening lead—♦ 6			

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's slam hand was played, quite a discussion arose about the best opening lead and about how the hand should be played. Declarer had an answer for two of the three suggestions.

West actually opened the six of spades, and declared very properly, "I open dummy, we are not in." He then drew three rounds of trumps, and ran all five diamonds in order to discard the three hearts from the hand. Now he could draw the queen of clubs and give up a trick to East's king. Dummy could then win the rest of the tricks with good spades and trump.

After the hand had been played, West was full of regret over his opening lead. "If I had led the six of hearts to begin with," he said, "you wouldn't have made the slam."

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WOMANSENSE

How would you like to be a Diplomat's Wife?

DRUSILLA BEYFUS

Said the Woman Who Knows: "She learns where some of the snags lie during the talk with the woman who had the job before her. She learns what's coming to her, which of the embassy wives are catty, whose husband is a dead loss socially, whom never to ask along with whom. The talk with her predecessor is the key to the job."

No advice can shield her from the ordeal of the first day. All wives of the embassy staff will be there at the port to greet her and size her up.

She is usually weak with fatigue from the official round of goodbyes at home and in no state to remember the names of women who came to meet her. She has skipped her first pitfall if she can remember their names three days later.

After the wives, the clerical staff. She must quickly get around to seeing them, and quickly they must like her if her life is to be worth a cent. Or

Paint will adhere to a slick surface, if you first sandpaper it and make sure it is free of grease. Then give it a coat of fresh white shellac. This will provide a fine base and also help to spread the paint further.

To protect new parchment lampshades from soiling, coat with soft-polishing wax. This dirt-resistant covering will make shades easy to clean with just a quick dusting.

The wives make a point of seeing the newcomer alone—so as to get a good look at her. If the hostess is bright, they talk about foreign affairs. If not, the conversation keeps to kind inquiries about the family, the

"In Iron Curtain countries she must smile and shake hands with a woman who knows has shot two husbands—and in Latin countries cold-shoulder a woman who has been divorced." —(London Express Service)



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf's Invisible Playmate

—He Couldn't See Him, But He Knew He Was There—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, sat alone on a pebble at the edge of the garden path. "Oh," he said—and his voice sounded sad—"if I only had someone to play with!"

He was surprised the next instant to hear a voice saying: "I'll play with you, Knarf... I'll play with you, Knarf..."

Then Knarf knew it was the Wind.

"Yes, that's who I am," said the Wind. "And I'll play with you even though you can't see me."

"What games can you play, Wind?"

"I call it marbles-on-the-roof. Here we go!"

With that the Wind blew off.

Knarf could see the trees tossing and swaying across the garden, and across the river, and past the high steeple where the weather vane spun round and round.

The next minute the Wind came back, high up in the sky.

his hat. He put it back on his head and walked quickly away.

Man Didn't Like It

Again Knarf looked around, harder than he did before. "I still don't see anyone."

"You can't see me, Knarf," said the voice, laughing.

"I don't think the man liked it much," said Knarf.

"No, I guess he didn't. But I'll play it with you, Knarf."

"Oh ho," said Knarf, and he held his hat on his head as hard as he could.

The Wind laughed again. "I've got another game. You'll like it better."

"What game are you going to play, Wind?"

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driving a big black cloud before it. When the cloud was directly over Knarf's house, the Wind blew it to pieces.

Just Like Marbles

Down came the raindrops from the broken cloud. Rattling rattat they went as they rattled down on the roof, just like a great handful of marbles.

"There!" said the Wind, a short time later after the rain had stopped and the sun was shining again. "How do you like that game, Knarf?"

"Oh," said Knarf, "it was a wonderful game, Wind, only you didn't play it with me. Why don't you play a game with me?"

"I will," said the Wind. Then he whispered something in Knarf's ear.

Knarf ran into his house, and came right out again, carrying something. "The something was a kite.

Then Knarf tossed the kite in the air, and the Wind carried the kite up... up... higher than the highest trees. All afternoon the Wind played a kite-game with Knarf, and Knarf was happy, happy, happy.



By GRACE THORNCIFFE

FOR quick change, for lounging and for a nice cover-up, Job, this costume fills the bill, a nice number for country or at home. It is made of a separate black wool jersey turtleneck blouse and below-the-knee trousers that look like leotards. The trousers button snugly at the knee. Over it is worn a jumper of wool tweed with buttons down the sides, and has a square neck and an impressed box-pleated skirt. There is a matching stole for good measure.

Rupert and the Hazel Nut—19



Almost at once the two pals catch the sound of a slight rustle. "It's me, where you left your hazelnut," says Rupert, starting forward. As they reach the spot, Bill gives a cry. "The other nut is missing!" says Bill. "I must have lost it when I was running through the branches and going from tree to tree." All rights reserved.

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Yesterday's Athletics

Army Championships Turn Up A Man To Chase Stephen Xavier

JENNIFER CLEARS ANOTHER EIGHTH OF AN INCH

By "RECODER"

The heats of the Army Championships at Boundary Street yesterday turned up the fastest Army furlong in this Colony in many years. Sgt. Dockree of the Royal Norfolk Regiment won his heat in 23.2 seconds around the two bends which Stephen Xavier recently negotiated in a remarkable 22.9, while L/Cpl. Crane of the Dorset Regiment, former Champion of the British Army in Austria, won another heat in 23.5 seconds — third best ever at Boundary Street.

Such sprinting has not been seen from the Army here in several decades. The post-war Army record topped by no less than eight-tenths of a second.

The Royal Norfolk also turned up another of the day's big surprises when Major Chapman won the Pole Vault at a modest 9 feet 9 inches from Lt. Reep of the Dorsets, who cleared 9 ft. 6 in.

The Dorsets' athlete, who in what will be the first all-Mileian final in the history of the Hongkong Land Forces Championships, is gunning for Jennifer's Colony record.

While the meeting is being run with the same efficiency as characterised the previous shows put on by Captain Ellis, it is still (or was up to a late hour last night) an unauthorised meeting as far as the HKAAA is concerned.

So any records set are likely to be Army records only and Colony Standard Medals may be withheld.

THE COMPETITORS

Here is the list of events and competitors for the Land Forces Championship today.

High Jump — 2/Lt. Patterson, Gnr. Peter, Lt. Farmer Wright, Lt. Reep, 2/Lt. Fawcett.

Discus — CSM Howe, Lt. Arnold, L/Bdr. Palewski, S/Sgt. Heeling, Lt. Hart and Deborah Hurlbatt for the Middle Girls' High Jump, it being whispered about that Deborah was gunning for Jennifer's Colony record.

The battle was a long drawn-out one and held up the rest of the afternoon's proceedings because it was, indeed, a grueling battle. It very nearly broke the Rhodesian Rocket's heart when she failed on her first try at 4 feet 5 inches and Jennifer led on fewer failures.

But there was no surrender and she cleared 4 ft. and then 4 ft. 1½ inches better than she has done before and a good two inches above the old Colony record that Jennifer has been successfully concentrating on this season.

Doborah was out at 4 ft. and Jennifer continued to clear 4 feet 2½ inches—one-eighth of an inch better than her own Colony record.

The rest of the field—some of whom have done much better in practice—lagged far behind. Diana Parker was third with 4 feet 2 inches, Libby Stokes fourth at 4 ft. and Sheroo Talati, Margaret Jennings, Nicola Heneage and Lyn Ramsay tied at 4 feet.

The National Press at Home has for some years now been decrying the lack of a "killer" instinct in British sport. Some of the great decriers like Peter Wilson should come down to Hongkong, to watch "Bulch" Hart and "Battling" Hurlbatt go about a job of improving on what used to be considered a good performance for Hongkong.

Meanwhile, if the Seniors have lost heart as a result of Middle Girls' stealing the limelight, the Juniors have apparently been learning from the Middle Girls.

Time was last year when Mary Lechner got the pace among the seniors. Molly has now gone to England and the first of her records went yesterday when Rane Jones and Jacqueline Thomas showed that the Under-18s could come close to matching the University Champion — never mind outperforming Molly's best in the Long Jump.

Rane cleared 12 feet 4¾ inches and Jacqueline 12 feet 1¼ inches, with Margaret Koskow not far off Molly's old record with 10 ft. 8¾ inches.

This year saw the athletic debut of the first second generation athlete since the founding of the HKAAA—Maj. Van Vliet took sixth place at 10 feet 0¾ inches, also a very reasonable mark by University's women's standards.

While the Land Forces Championships heats were being run off at Boundary Street, the heats and some finals of the King George V School Sports were being contested at Argyle Street.

Main interest was centred in the battle between Jennifer

and Doborah Hurlbatt for the Middle Girls' High Jump, it being whispered about that Deborah was gunning for Jennifer's Colony record.

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For the benefit of the large Dutch community who are still trying to calculate Mrs. Van Vliet's Colony records in terms of metres, Maj. cleared 3.06 metres.

UNIVERSITY TEAM

The University team for the athletic match against the HKAAC on Sunday at Pokfulam will be:

100 Yards—Leong Sin-hon,

Lee King-fun;

220 Yards—Chan Leong-chye,

A. N. Other;

440 Yards—Leong Sin-hon,

Ho Ho-seng-tuck;

800 Yards—Norbert Chan,

K. M. Tang, Yewee Woo;

Shot Put—R. Helmeyer, Wal

Kee-ku;

Javelin—R. Helmeyer, Mai

Yee-shick, Wai Kee-yiu, R.

Mokkoen; High Jump—Wong

Wing-foon, Chan Leong-chye;

Long Jump—Victor Lal, Wong

Wing-foon.

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Rugger Results

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ON SPRING ALONE



La Salle College's George Thum is no newcomer to the Colony's first rank in the High and Long Jumps. He was second and third respectively in these two events at the last Colony Championships.

He is even better this year than he was last April and has already cleared 5 feet 6 inches over the bar and over 21 feet in the Long Jump.

Depending on spring only in either event, his chances of becoming a double Colony record-holder are very good if he learns the technique of the two events.—China Mail Photo.

WHY NOT PUT DIRECTORS ON THE CUP FINAL TICKET RATION?

The Football Association having met in full council—that must have been a profoundly impressive assembly of Soccer eminence—completed their grand inquisition into the aged question: Where do Cup tickets go at Wembley time?

And they could do little more, this erudition of football brains, than blame it upon the poor players who make this Wembley occasion.

You saw the ration for the Cup Final men—one dozen per person, and each ticket to be handed carefully to their dearest and nearest whose names must be recorded in a round firm council.

INFORMATIVE

What he said was vivid, colourful and informative, like this:

"This is a game show. Why smear the players and pleck them out as the men who cash in on the Cup Finals?"

"Why not be honest and rake out the number of tickets that directors have hogged for themselves? In the past some have not stopped at the hundred mark."

"These tickets have been placed into portmanteau to bolster business, a smooth-over in the way of slightly rough trade passage."

"I know they have not collected hard cash, but the result has eventually been a brighter bank balance. If the players are to be rationed, then so should the directors."

Spoken like an old Cup-winning captain, James Guthrie. Remember him as the man who in 1939 fooled most of the Cup-fancying world by taking Portsmouth along to lick the unbeatables Wolves?

They will meet for the third time at Wolverhampton on Monday.

Tottenham Hotspur and Birmingham City drew two-all here today in their Football Association Cup sixth-round replay, after another two hours of top-speed football full of thrills.

Tottenham were expected to get through to the semi-finals, but in fact it was Birmingham who came out of the match with the greater honours.

Tottenham had nearly three-quarters of the play in the first half, but after the interval and during the extra time, Birmingham shook them out of their game.

Showing more tenacity in their tackling than in the first half, they were also faster on the ball and played with admirable team work.

Len Duquenne gave Tottenham a one goal lead at half-time. Boyd equalised after the interval from close range, the light on the Finalists' share-out is the 43,000 tickets that go out to county associations and are whittled away with odd tickets to fiddling little clubs that have no more allegiance to the Cup-fighting than their weekly declaration of faith in marking them 2 on X.

These are the tickets that should go to boost up the miserable 32,000 apiece with which harassed clubs are expected to satisfy the faithful who on the road to Wembley have endured British Railways' treatment over endless miles.

Wembley belongs to them.—(London Express Service)

J. J. Jeffries Dead

New York, Mar. 4.

James J. Jeffries, former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, died last night at Burbank, California. He was 77.—Reuter.

H.K. BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

C. L. Chu (Eastern) beat C.

M. Ma (Eastern) 750 to 553 in a semi-final match of the Colony Open Senior Billiards Cham-

pionship at Eastern A. A. last

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2nd Division "B"

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"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 15th Mar.
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"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	21st Mar.
"CHANGTÉ"	Australia & Manila	23rd Mar.

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"PATROCLUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Apr.
"AUTOLYCUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Apr.
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S. "ANTHOCHUS"	Sails Liverpool	Arrives Rotterdam
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G. "ALMIDON"	do	—
S. "ANCHISES"	do	—
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	Loading on or abt.	
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"BENVANNOCH"	Avonmouth, London & Hull.	21st Mar.
"BENALDER"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Rotterdam and Hull.	23rd Mar.
"BENLAWERS"	Direct to Singapore, thence Ha'vra, London and Rotterdam.	4th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, Liverpool, Antwerp and Hamburg.	7th Apr.
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Notice to Shareholders

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Fifty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 6th March 1953, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Balance Sheet as at that date and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Transfers of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 7th day of March to Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

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Agents.

Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1953.

NOTICE

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Notice to Shareholders

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Sixty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1953, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Balance Sheet as at that date and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholder

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Creating A New Industry

India Running Into Difficulties

New Delhi, Mar. 4.
India is walking a shaking tightrope with international connections in its effort to create a national motor-car industry.

It is balanced between pressure from national groups and interested industrial blocs to build Indian cars for India and possible adverse effects of the move on potential foreign investors and on completion of India's five-year development plan.

The announced policy of the Government is to force assemblers of imported cars, including American, British and Canadian companies, into manufacturing or out of business.

Its chief weapon is a sharp control of imports. Use of this weapon brought an announcement from General Motors that its Bombay assembly plant employing 2,000 Indians must close in April when available resources for the assembly run out.

In 1950 the Indian Government summoned 11 car companies assembling cars in India and asked for a show of hands of plans for manufacture in the future. It warned that those who declined to make such plans would find their import quotas shifted to those who did.

QUOTAS SHIFTED

Behind this move was pressure from the Birth-controlled Hindustan Motors Company of Calcutta—producing a partly assembled, partly manufactured Indian version of Britain's Morris Minor—for a bigger share of the available market.

Five of the 11 companies said "no." These included General Motors and Ford, which operate in India through Canadian affiliates. All five said it was economically impossible to manufacture cars without an outlet for at least 50,000 units a year. Last year India's 370,000,000 people bought less than 20,000 cars of all makes.

The remaining six, including Premier Automobiles of Bombay (in alliance with the American Chrysler Corporation), Birth's Hindustan Motors (which also assembles Studebakers), and the Automobile Products of India (85 per cent Indian-owned and associated with the British Routes group) all promised they would manufacture cars "as soon as possible."

Subsequently, the Indian Government shifted 20 per cent of the import quotas of the five who said "no" to those who promised compliance with the manufacturing programme.

Import permits were further tightened without a new public announcement of future policy. A General Motors spokesman in India said his company had obtained no permits for the past year.

HAVING TROUBLE

Despite the tightening of imports, India's own "manufactured" car, the Hindustan, has had trouble finding a market.

Production has halted for several months because of a top-heavy inventory, and the company attempted to popularise its hybrid product by gifts of sample cars to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and President Rajendra Prasad.

Executives of the Hindustan Company confirmed the claim of other companies that manufacture in India is uneconomical unless a market for at least 50,000 cars a year is guaranteed. Present output is being sold at a loss, they said, in hope that a bigger share of the market will permit them to break even.

At present the Hindustan Company is building its car's engine—from a block cast in England—its gear box, rear axle assembly, and front end suspension in India. The remainder of the "Hindustan" is assembled from parts imported from England and processed and finished in the Calcutta plant.—Associated Press.

IMPORTS TO BE CUT?

Sydney, Mar. 4.
Increased bulk handling of wheat is expected to cut Australia's imports of jute from India by 10 per cent during 1953, according to the Indian Trade Commissioner, Mr. T. G. Menon.

Mr Menon said he was watching jute experiments being carried out in New Guinea. He said, however, that jute fibre was not at present regarded as a potential threat to the Indian jute trade.

"I expect, as a rough estimate, that there will be about 10 per cent reduction in jute orders here, mainly because of bulk wheat handling," he said.—United Press.

Prosperity In Wool Market May Continue

Sydney, Mar. 4.
Australia's wool growers today are asking about half the money of two years ago, but they are not worried. They are still the richest group in the land.

The big man who grossed £100,000 in the boom year of 1950-51 is now grossing £50,000.

The small man who made £10,000 in the boom year, will have around £5,000 this year. That is still a lot more than most city executives can show on their tax returns.

The wool price today is about half what it was two years ago.

The biggest loser in this drop is the Income Tax Commissioner, who collects tax for the Australian Government. He starts taking 65 per cent of income over £5,000 and at £10,000 the rate is up to 70 per cent.

You can see the wool grower, or grazier as he is called here, does not have to worry about the price of a pack of cigarettes.

The grazier in fact is pleased about the present wool price and for three very good reasons:

1. He has enough money not to worry about spending an odd pound or two.

2. The price seems stable, and it looks as if he can plan on his income staying at the present level.

3. The price has not the same incentive to the development of synthetics to replace wool, as was the boom price of two years ago.

NO SLUMP

The record prices of 1950-51, when Australian wool sold for £630,000,000 never seemed real to anyone in Australia. The

Shippers' Warning To Ceylon

Colombo, Mar. 4.
Ceylonese rubber shippers—though they have been given preferential treatment—warned the Government today that the country is heading for chaos over its recently-concluded barter agreement with Red China.

Furthermore, they requested the Minister of Trade and Commerce urgently to consider returning the business to the trade which, from its inception in Ceylon, has been in the hands of the British.

These Ceylonese nationals have obtained a monopoly to ship rubber from Ceylon through the Government Rubber Commissioner who plays the role of the exporter.

Now, however, they state that the Commissioner expects shippers to run the risk of losing 40 cents (7d) per lb, for a likely profit of one cent, as the Commissioner has suspended purchases of rubber until definite arrangements are made when the next ship is due to sail from China, and space is available.

In the meantime, shippers are expected to buy from producers and stock for shipment.

And the plaintive cry now from Ceylonese shippers is "How can we purchase rubber at 40 cents above the world price if we have no outlet for our rubber?"

European shippers in Ceylon, who were treated unfairly when Ceylonese nationals were given preference and the Government became the sole exporter in order to meet the Sino-Ceylon trade pact, are however, unperturbed at the present trend of events.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 4.
Chicago grain prices were lower along with the major commodities reflecting partly the uncertainty over the securities activity and the international situation. Liquidation and selling in grains depressed the market with soybeans the hardest hit. Wheat closed 3% to 7% lower and soybeans were 1% to 2% lower.

Prices closed as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel:

Spot 32.25
March 32.25-33.32
July 33.70
October 33.72
December 33.81
May 33.85
July 33.90 nominal

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot 33.00
March 33.48
May 33.51-33.72
July 33.50-33.70

Corn—price per bushel:

Spot 33.50
March 33.50
May 33.50
July 33.56 bid
September 33.60
December 33.60

COFFEE—price per bushel:

Spot 1.67%
March 1.67%
May 1.67%
July 1.67%
September 1.67%
December 1.67%
Rye 1.75%
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March 2.20%
May

JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

The Idle Rich

FOR 50 perishing cold minutes a sergeant and two constables, all in plain clothes, had trailed Arthur and Ernie round the little streets of the Adelphi, making mental notes of their actions, silently diving into doorways for cover when one of the men looked round.

Bilfully unconscious that a half-section of the Metropolitan Police were on their tails, Arthur and Ernie went industriously about their business of trying the door-handles of parked cars.

It seemed that night, that every car in London had been securely locked. Presently the two men gave up their task. They left the little streets and sauntered to Charing Cross station, went to a buffet-bar, and ordered a bottle of light ale apiece.

IT'S THE SERGEANT
THEY were thoughtfully sipping their drinks by the buffet window when Arthur said: "Hello, look what the wind's blown in. See that chap outside? It's a copper. Sergeant bloke I met when I was on that painting job at the Yard."

Outside, indeed, was the sergeant who had been observing Arthur and Ernie—and the two constables were with him. Arthur beckoned him inside as he was an old friend. As the pulse of police entered, Arthur turned to his companion and said: "Hey, Ernie, order another round—five lights!"

He turned to the sergeant: "Well, well," he said, "what you doing here, sergeant? Remember me, do you?" Arthur, what was on that painting job at the Yard?"

"As a matter of fact," said the sergeant, "I've come to arrest you and your friend as suspected persons, loitering with intent to steal from unattended cars."

NO DRINKS, THANKS

ARTHUR laughed. "Ha, ha, a sergeant, that's a good one, that is. Hear what the sergeant says, Ernie? Going to do us for 'suss'!"

Ernie seemed to agree that it was an excellent jest.

"Finish your drinks and come with us to the station," the sergeant said.

"Aw, turn it up, sergeant. If you want to arrest us, come back after closing time, eh, Ernie?"

"That's right," Ernie said.

But the sergeant was firm, and declining the drinks for himself and his men, allowed Arthur and Ernie to finish their beer, then arrested them.

Next day at Bow Street Arthur and Ernie pleaded not guilty to the charge of loitering, and asked for a remand so that they might obtain legal aid.

ARTHUR'S LUCK

A WEEK later the full story of their arrest was told to Sir Laurence Dunne, the Chief Magistrate. Arthur and Ernie, answering questions put by their counsel, described how they spent the fateful day.

Both were unemployed, they said, and had been for some weeks. However, their wives went out to work, while they drew National Assistance money to help keep their families.

On the day of their arrest Arthur collected £18 from a street bookmaker, having been lucky enough to back with £2 (National Assistance money or his wife's pay) a greyhound that had scampered home an 8-1 winner the night before.

...AND THE RECKONING

To celebrate, he and Ernie, his friend, had gone to the West End, and spent most of the day, and the greater part of Arthur's small fortune, in sampling the public-houses. There. Detailed memories of the day were naturally blurred, but on one point they were clear. They had touched no ear door handles.

But the evidence of the three police officers, whose memories were in no way fuddled, was too strong. Arthur and Ernie were found guilty.

As neither had been in trouble with the police for 15 years, they were fined £5 each instead of being sent to prison.

They left wearing mingled looks of relief and anxiety. Relief at escaping the heavier punishment, anxiety over finding the money for the fines. There seemed only two courses open to them—find another fast dog and back it, or have their wives demand a rise in pay.

Court Awards \$30,755 & Costs

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